

ABSTRACT

A telephone enabling a user to search a telephone directory using a simple and trouble-free operation.

The telephone has a storage unit for storing names to be
5 called and corresponding telephone numbers, and an operating
unit including a plurality of numeric keys that are each
assigned different characters. The telephone also includes a
control unit. When a key press of at least the predetermined
time is received by the operating unit, the control unit
10 searches the storage unit for names that include a character
assigned to the pressed numeric key, and displays the found
names on a display unit. The user can switch the telephone
to telephone directory mode and perform a keyword search
simply by pressing a numeric key for at least the
15 predetermined time.